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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS ON JDL

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1. SOVIET PRESS CONTINUES TO GIVE PERIODIC ATTENTION TO JDL ACTIVITIES IN US. LATEST ITEM IS INTERVIEW WITH SOL JUROK APPEARING IN PRAVDA FEB 15. NOTING THAT HE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS THREATS FROM "FACISTS OF SO-CALLED JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE." JUROK STATES THAT ITS MEMBERS OPPOSE BOTH CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL SOVIET-US RELATIONS. HE "BITTERLY" OBSERVES THAT "LACK OF PUNISHMENT LEAD TO A HORRIBLE CRIME-- THE TAKING OF THE LIFE OF A 27-YEAR-OLD GIRL."

2. REMAINDER OF INTERVIEW DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF SOVIET CULTURE WITH WHICH JUROK SAYS HE HAS "FALLEN IN LOVE" AND WHICH HE CONSIDERS TO BE "BEST IN WORLD". HE CONCLUDES WITH ASSERTION THAT MAJORITY OF AMERICANS CONDEMN JDL ACTIVITIES AND WITH HOPE THAT ADDITIONAL SOVIET PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS WILL VISIT US IN FUTURE.

3. IZVESTIYA FEB 10 REPORTED THAT THE COMMITTEE FOR A JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST REQUESTED NEW YORK AUTHORITIES TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO END JDL'S CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES. ACCORDING TO EXCERPTS FROM LETTER PRINTED IN ARTICLE, COMMITTEE ASKED WHY JDL LEADERSHIP HAS GONE UNPUNISHED AT TIME WHEN US AUTHORITIES DO NOT SHOW SLUGGISHNESS IN DEALING WITH LEADERS OF NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE.
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